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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

REMARKS

The Final Rejection dated August 3, 2006, requires a combination of four references (claims 1, 4-12, and 15) or five references (claims 2, 13, 16-19) and the long list of references, string together via hindsight, still do not meet all of applicants' claimed features.

The newest prior art reference, Sato (US 2002/0069514) is very different from applicants' claimed invention, as described below:

(1) Binder

In Fig. 1(A) and Fig. 1(B) of Sato, powdered electrode active material 11 is coated with an ion-conducting polymer 12. The ion-conducting polymer 12 acts as a binder. Generally, powdered electrode active material has a low electron-conductivity. Therefore, when the ion-conducting polymer is attached to the powdered electrode active material, the electron conductivity of the powdered electrode active material is not improved and a high output of electric discharge cannot be attained.